

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. A method for producing a work of art over a network based on popular
2 demand from a minimum number of bids from users, comprising:
3 generating a project database including at least one project record, wherein
4 each project record indicates a work of art;
5 collecting a number of bids from users for the work of art associated with the
6 at least one project record;
7 updating the at least one project record to record the number of bids for the
8 work of art associated with the specific project record; and
9 ordering the work of art to be produced if the number of bids for the work of
10 art associated with the at least one project record reaches the minimum number of
11 bids.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising
2 setting a cutoff date by when the number of bids must reach the number of
3 minimum number of bids.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 obtaining a pre-payment or a guarantee for payment for the work of art while
3 collecting bids for the work of art associated with the at least one project record.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 generating a user database including at least one user record, wherein each
3 user record indicates a registered user.

1 5. The method of claim 2, further comprising:
2 determining whether the cutoff date has been reached for the at least one
3 product record; and
4 cancelling the work of art associated with the at least one product record if the
5 cutoff date has been reached and the number of bids for the work of art associated
6 with the project record does not reach the minimum number of bids.

1 6. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 customizing the work of art associated the project record for each user if the
3 number of bids for the work of art associated with the at least one project record
4 reaches the minimum number of bids.

1 7. The method of claim 1, wherein collecting a number of bids from users
2 for the work of art associated with the at least one project record is performed over an
3 Internet.

1 8. The method of claim 4, further comprising:
2 transmitting over the network an input page in which the user enters
3 information about interest and preferences of user;
4 receiving the input page with the information entered by the user; and
5 recording the information in the at least one user record associated with the
6 user.

1 9. The method of claim 2, further comprising:
2 determining whether the cutoff date has been reached for the at least one
3 product record; and
4 collecting a number of bids from users for the work of art associated with the
5 at least one project record until the cutoff date has been reached.

1 10. A system for producing a work of art over a network based on popular
2 demand from a minimum number of bids from users, comprising:
3 means for generating a project database including at least one project record,
4 wherein each project record indicates a work of art;
5 means for collecting a number of bids from users for the work of art
6 associated with the at least one project record;
7 means for updating the at least one project record to record the number of bids
8 for the work of art associated with the specific project record; and
9 means for ordering the work of art to be produced if the number of bids for the
10 work of art associated with the at least one project record reaches the minimum
11 number of bids.

1 11. The system of claim 10, further comprising
2 means for setting a cutoff date by when the number of bids must reach the
3 number of minimum number of bids.

1 12. The system of claim 10, further comprising:
2 means for obtaining a pre-payment or a guarantee for payment for the work of
3 art while collecting bids for the work of art associated with the at least one project
4 record.

1 13. The system of claim 10, further comprising:
2 means for generating a user database including at least one user record,
3 wherein each user record indicates a registered user.

1 14. The system of claim 11, further comprising:
2 means for determining whether the cutoff date has been reached for the at least
3 one product record; and
4 means for cancelling the work of art associated with the at least one product
5 record if the cutoff date has been reached and the number of bids for the work of art
6 associated with the project record does not reach the minimum number of bids.

1 15. The system of claim 10, further comprising:
2 means for customizing the work of art associated the project record for each
3 user if the number of bids for the work of art associated with the at least one project
4 record reaches the minimum number of bids.

1 16. The system of claim 10, wherein collecting a number of bids from
2 users for the work of art associated with the at least one project record is performed
3 over an Internet.

1 17. The system of claim 13, further comprising:
2 means for transmitting over the network an input page in which the user enters
3 information about interest and preferences of user;
4 means for receiving the input page with the information entered by the user;
5 and
6 means for recording the information in the at least one user record associated
7 with the user.

1 18. The system of claim 11, further comprising:
2 means for determining whether the cutoff date has been reached for the at least
3 one product record; and
4 means for collecting a number of bids from users for the work of art
associated with the at least one project record until the cutoff date has been reached.

1 19. A program for producing a work of art over a network based on
2 popular demand from a minimum number of bids from users, comprising a computer
3 usable media including at least one computer program embedded therein that is
4 capable or causing at least one computer to perform:
5 generating a project database including at least one project record, wherein
6 each project record indicates a work of art;
7 collecting a number of bids from users for the work of art associated with the
8 at least one project record;
9 updating the at least one project record to record the number of bids for the
10 work of art associated with the specific project record; and
11 ordering the work of art to be produced if the number of bids for the work of
12 art associated with the at least one project record reaches the minimum number of
13 bids.

1 20. The program of claim 19, further performing
2 setting a cutoff date by when the number of bids must reach the number of
3 minimum number of bids.

1 21. The program of claim 19, further performing:
2 obtaining a pre-payment or a guarantee for payment for the work of art while
3 collecting bids for the work of art associated with the at least one project record.

1 22. The program of claim 19, further performing:
2 generating a user database including at least one user record, wherein each
3 user record indicates a registered user.

1 23. The program of claim 20, further performing:
2 determining whether the cutoff date has been reached for the at least one
3 product record; and
4 cancelling the work of art associated with the at least one product record if the
5 cutoff date has been reached and the number of bids for the work of art associated
6 with the project record does not reach the minimum number of bids.

1 24. The program of claim 19, further performing:
2 customizing the work of art associated the project record for each user if the
3 number of bids for the work of art associated with the at least one project record
4 reaches the minimum number of bids.

1 25. The program of claim 19, wherein collecting a number of bids from
2 users for the work of art associated with the at least one project record is performed
3 over an Internet.

1 26. The program of claim 22, further performing:
2 transmitting over the network an input page in which the user enters
3 information about interest and preferences of user;
4 receiving the input page with the information entered by the user; and
5 recording the information in the at least one user record associated with the
6 user.

1 27. The program of claim 20, further performing:
2 determining whether the cutoff date has been reached for the at least one
3 product record; and
4 collecting a number of bids from users for the work of art associated with the
at least one project record until the cutoff date has been reached.